

REMARKS

A typographical error of January 31, 2003, is repaired above to restore an original claim wording that cannot invoke any present Festo decision.

The continued rejection under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from the Sasao, et al. and Trajmar patents is too sweeping and, therefore, traversed. A Declaration under 37 CFR 132 is attached to establish the facts of the claims and what is obvious to one of ordinary skill from the art.

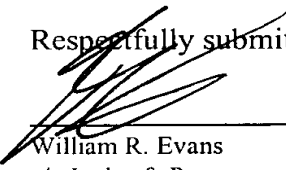
Independent claims 1 and 2 require "separating ... isotopes with a magnetic field" and "a magnetic field for separating isotopes." These facts are admitted on page 4, item 10., of the Action not to be disclosed in the Sasao, et al. patent. "... Sasao fails to teach ... a beam ... according to isotopes with a magnetic field."

Then, according to the Action, "Trajmar, col 3 lines 15-22 and figs 5-6, overcomes this limitation by teaching the separation ... of isotopes using a magnetic field," but this is not the case. Fig. 5 clearly shows NO isotope beam separation at magnetic field coils 48 described at column 6, lines 29-32, of the patent.

Instead, Fig. 5 of the Trajmar patent shows isotope beam separation at electrostatic plates 54, as described at column 6, lines 48-53, of the patent.

Therefore, the combination of the patents of the rejection neither discloses nor suggests what is described in the Action nor what is claimed. Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

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